IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) A system of at least four components for a coating composition comprising,

(I) a component comprising at least one oligomeric or polymeric resin containing functional groups that react with isocyanate groups as binder,

(II) a component comprising at least one polyisocyanate as crosslinking agent,

(III) a component that comprises water and is substantially free from acrylate copolymers dispersed or dissolved therein, and

(IV) a finely divided solid component that comprises at least one water-soluble or -dispersible finely divided solid acrylate copolymer

wherein the at least four components are not mixed.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The system of at least four components for a coating composition of claim 1, wherein the finely divided solid component (IV) is prepared by at least one of

i) spray-drying solutions, emulsions, or dispersions of the acrylate copolymers;

ii) freeze-drying of solutions, emulsions, or dispersions of the acrylate copolymers;

iii) precipitation of acrylate copolymers from their solution, dispersion or emulsion;

iv) emulsion polymerization of the acrylate copolymers;

v) precipitation polymerization of the acrylate copolymers; and

vi) grinding of the acrylate copolymers.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of at least four components for a coating composition of claim 1, wherein the functional groups that react with isocyanate groups comprise hydroxyl groups.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of at least four components for a coating composition of claim 1, wherein component (III) further comprises at least one binder.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of at least four components for a coating composition of claim 1, wherein at least one of i) component (I) comprises at least one water-soluble or -dispersible binder, and ii) component (III) comprises at least one water-dissolved or water-dispersed binder.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of at least four components for a coating composition of claim 6, wherein the binders comprise at least one of

(i) functional groups that can be converted into cations by at least one of neutralizing agents and quaternizing agents,

(ii) functional groups that are cationic groups,

(iii) functional groups that can be converted into anions by neutralizing agents

(iv) functional groups that are anionic groups, and

(v) nonionic hydrophilic groups.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of at least four components for a coating composition of claim 7, wherein the binders contain at least one of carboxylic acid groups and carboxylate groups.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of at least four components for a coating composition of claim 8, wherein component (I) comprises at least one of the following as binders

(A1) at least one acrylate copolymer that is dispersible or soluble in one or more organic, optionally water-dilutable solvents, contains hydroxyl groups and at least one of carboxylic acid groups and carboxylate groups, and has a number average molecular weight Mn of between 1000 and 30,000 daltons, an OH number of from 40 to 200 mg KOH/g, and an acid number of from 5 to 150 mg KOH/g,

(A2) at least one polyester resin that is dispersible or soluble in one or more organic, optionally water-dilutable solvents, contains hydroxyl groups at least one of carboxylic acid groups and carboxylate groups, and has a number average molecular weight Mn of between 1000 and 30,000 daltons, an OH number of from 30 to 250 mg KOH/g, and an acid number of from 5 to 150 mg KOH/g, and

(A3) at least one polyurethane resin that is dispersible or soluble in one or more organic, optionally water-dilutable solvents, contains hydroxyl groups and at least one of carboxylic acid groups and carboxylate groups, and has a number average molecular weight Mn of between 1000 and 30,000 daltons, an OH number of from 20 to 200 mg KOH/g, and an acid number of from 5 to 150 mg KOH/g; and

component (III) comprises as binders at least one of the polyester resins (A2) and the polyurethane resins (A3), and

component (IV) comprises as binder the acrylate copolymer (A1).

10. (Currently Amended) The system of at least four components for a coating composition of claim ~~1~~5, wherein some of the binders in component (III) are powder slurry particles.

Claims 11-23 (Canceled)